

# Regulations & Permits

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***Best Management Practices***  
*for water quality while  
harvesting forest products*

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## Right-of-Ways on Adjoining Property

It may be necessary to cross the land of another landowner to access the property where the timber is to be harvested. When this occurs it is advisable to have the parties enter into a written agreement. The agreement should define the trail or road location; its width; and specify those BMPs to be used while the access is being built, during the operation, and procedures to properly close the access when the operation is complete.

*Access Permits:*

For some timber harvests it may be necessary to create a new access road onto a state highway. Connecting a new timber harvest truck road to a state highway may require an access permit. Permit applications may include requirements for performance bonding, insurance and indicate specific BMPs the operator must employ.

To obtain a permit to access a state highway, contact the regional office of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) covering that specific area or the Central Maintenance Office, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT (860) 594-2610.

*Crossing Utility Right-of-Ways:*

Utility right-of-ways are often excellent locations to place trails, roads and landings. In some circumstances it may be the only way to access a woodlot. Crossing such rights-of-way should not be done without first advising the utility of the activity. Failure to do so could result in a job shut down and possible damage to the utility line resulting in large penalties. The utility industry has developed a single contact telephone number to call when an activity may affect a utility line. This contact telephone number commonly referred to as "Call Before You Dig," is 1-800- 922-4455.

